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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens, toms steady to fully steady. Demand light to fair, best for deferred shipments. No trading reported. Offerings were light to adequate with hens held with confidence. Bulk meat and parts demand was mostly moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was active on frozen thigh meat, the balance of items generally light. Inquiry continues to be generally good from Asia and Mexico. Offerings of frozen thigh meat and tom drums light to adequate and held with increasing confidence.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 19, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
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OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-

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WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 19, 2000

CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
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8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	69.00**	65.40 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.10**	68.50**	65.00 **
WESTERN REGION	68.00**	68.00**	65.40 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.50**	64.50**	67.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	63.90**	63.50**	66.80 **
WESTERN REGION	64.10**	64.50**	66.70 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	71-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-102

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 22-MAY-2000

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS	TOMS LBS
	PRICE (000)	PRICE (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.00 80	68.00 20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.00 80	68.00 20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS** WEEK ENDING 06-May-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD—</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	1,000	-2	22.85	(A)	(A)	1,001	22.88
S ATL	666	4	31.15	(A)	(A)	677	31.10
N CENT	2,269	10	28.34	(A)	(A)	2,278	28.34
S CENT	843	101	20.32	NONE	NONE	843	20.32
WEST	250	-16	27.36	(A)	(A)	256	27.51
U.S.TOTAL	5,028(B)	4	26.23	0	27	5,055	26.25
TO DATE							
2000	83,000(B)			119	673	83,792	
TO DATE							
1999	84,561(B)			0	571	85,132	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 46,000 for the year 278,000; last year to date 295,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-May-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
		<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>THOUSANDS</u>		
HEAD	4,982	46	27	5,055
AVG WT	25.94	31.09	30.52	26.25
LAST WEEK	4,432	13	28	4,473
YR AGO	5,454	10	17	5,481
AVG WT	25.71	26.40	28.65	25.72
TO-DATE/2000	82,841	278	673	83,792
TO-DATE/1999	84,266	295	571	85,132

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 06-May-2000
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 250 HD, 6,839 LBS,
TO DATE 4,389 HD, 107,754 LBS; OLD 6 HD, TO DATE 74 HD;
TOTAL 256 HD, TO DATE 4,521 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

APRIL	395,746 *
MAY 1-6, 2000	109,217 *
To date 2000	1,779,474 *
To date 1999	1,743,804 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment mostly steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins with some more confident than others. Demand slow to fair for the light to adequate offerings. Rib breast trade sentiment generally steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with most finding light to adequate supplies for the spot load inquiry. The institutional rib breast market was mixed with some noting increased interest in 8-10 and 10-12 lb. sizes. Trading centered on fair to moderately heavy volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export, light on the balance of items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	104.50		104.50	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	23.00		23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	43.00		43.00	20
NECKS, TOM	13.50-15.00		14.23	78
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	173.25	80
THIGH MEAT	58.00		58.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	56.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	119.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	90.00	15
TENDERLOINS		W	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	154.67	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	174.00		174.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	44.00	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00-13.00		12.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.50-23.00		22.91	584
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	20.00		20.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.00-11.50		10.75	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.50-59.00		58.37	600

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment mostly steady on tom breast meat, steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins. Some sellers consider any weakness in the destrapped tenderloin and tom breast meat market a response to the up coming holiday and are adjusting processing schedules to pre-holiday needs. The same sellers are looking forward to late next week when further processor buyers normally look for additional product for inventory replenishment and plant start-up after a long holiday weekend. Seller sentiment fully steady to firm on frozen thigh meat for export, however, some buyer resistance is noted at the higher trending offering prices. Tom drum and tom wing trade sentiment steady to fully steady with tom 2-joints the strongest. Open priced frozen thigh meat trading heavy for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	104.50	40	104.50	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	23.00	2	23.00	63
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	23.00	40	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	80	23.00	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	40	19.28	283
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	40	22.00	129
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	43.00	20	43.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	14.23	78	13.35	278
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	200	169.71	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	172.00-172.50		172.46	130	172.72	390
THIGH MEAT		R	58.00	8	58.39	56
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00-57.00		56.68	124	56.57	184
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	119.00	80		
SCAPULA MEAT	88.50-98.00		94.09	440	91.83	655
TENDERLOINS		W	137.00	40	137.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00		155.00	40	154.71	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	172.00-175.00		173.19	74	175.13	202
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00		43.00	40	43.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	12.50	80	12.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-18.00		16.89	350	17.21	750
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	104	22.80	2,848
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.50		18.50	208	18.88	640
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	20.00	120	20.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	10.75	104	12.41	620
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-60.00		59.62	212	57.88	1,528

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